

**Murray Border Indoor Bias Bowls
Association Incorporated
A0047006P**

**Proposed
Constitution
January 10th 2014.**

1. Name

The name of the incorporated association is 'Murray Border Indoor Bias Bowls Association Incorporated'.

2. Statement of Purposes and Powers of Association

1. The Objects of the Association are:

- (a) To promote, encourage and foster the game of indoor bias bowls in the country areas of the State of Victoria and the Southern Murray Valley Region of New South Wales and generally within the area of its jurisdiction as defined by the Victoria Indoor Bias Bowls Association.
- (b) To engender by Association a fraternal feeling amongst bowlers and promote and preserve the best interests and traditions of the game.
- (c) To conduct and control Association events in accordance with the Australian Indoor Bias Bowls Council Inc. rules for competition.
- (d) To arrange and control Association events and other events as the Association may from time to time determine.
- (e) To consider and deal with any matters concerning the game or its management submitted to it by a member Association.
- (f) To foster and preserve the playing status of the game.
- (g) To engage in such other activities whether of a like nature or not as may from time to time be permitted by law and determined by the Committee.
- (h) To do all things incidental to the furtherance of the above objects.

2. Powers of Association.

- (a) For the purpose of the furthering the objects set out above and subject to the Act, the Association has power to do all things incidental or conducive to achieve its purposes.
- (b) The Association indemnifies each of its office holders against any liability incurred in good faith by the office holder in the course of performing his or her duties as an office holder.
- (c) Without limiting sub rule (a) the Association may:
 1. acquire, hold and dispose of real or personal property;
 2. open and operate accounts with financial institutions;
 3. invest its money in any security in which trust monies may lawfully be invested;

4. raise and borrow money on any terms and in any manner as it thinks fit;
 5. secure the repayment of money raised or borrowed, or the payment of a debt or liability;
 6. appoint agents to transact business on its behalf;
 7. enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable;
 8. appoint and remove staff;
 9. affiliate, liaise, cooperate or interact with any group or organisation that has the same limits as a not for profit organisation in sub rule (e)
- (d) The Association may only exercise its powers and use its income and assets (including any surplus) for its purposes.
- (e) The Association is a not for profit organisation and must not distribute any surplus, income or assets directly or indirectly to its members.
- (f) Sub rule (e) does not prevent the Association from paying a member, if this is done in good faith on terms no more favourable than if the member was not a member, the following:
1. reimbursement for expenses properly incurred by the member; or
 2. for goods or services provided by the member.

3. Interpretation

In these rule unless contrary intention appears:

1. **MBIBBA** means the Murray Border Indoor Bias Bowls Association Incorporated;
2. **Committee, Executive or Executive Committee** means the Committee of Management;
3. **Financial Year** means the year ending the 31st of January;
4. **General Meeting** means a general meeting of Association delegates in accordance with rule 12;
5. **Member Association** means an indoor bias bowls association that is a member of MBIBBA;
6. **The Act** means the **Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012**;
7. **The Regulations** means regulations under The Act.
8. Words and expressions contained in these rules may be interpreted by the Executive Committee subject to confirmation or contradiction by a Committee meeting called for that purpose.

4. Membership

1. The Association shall consist of such associations as may be designated for the time being by the Executive Committee.
2. The Association may admit to membership on application, in writing, any eligible association situated within its jurisdiction or terminate membership of the Association.

5. Entrance fee

An annual membership fee payable by any member association shall be such fee determined by the Association delegates at the Annual General Meeting and shall be paid not later than the 31st day of May in each year.

6. Register of Members

The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of member associations in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the secretary of each member association and the register shall be available for inspection by delegates at the address of the Secretary.

7. Representation of Membership

1. Members of the Association shall—

- (a) Be entitled to representation at General Meetings of the Association by two appointed delegates; and
- (b) Appoint substitute delegates; and
- (c) forward the names and addresses of its Delegates and Substitute Delegates to the Secretary of the Association within 14 days of their appointment.

2. Delegates have the right to-

- (a) be eligible to hold office in the Association; and
- (b) be replaced by a substitute delegate in his or her absence who shall advise the Chairperson of their attendance.

8. Annual general meetings

1. The Committee must convene an annual general meeting of the Association to be held within the month of March.
2. The Committee may determine the date, time and place of the annual general meeting.
3. The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows—
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then;
 - (b) to receive and consider—
 1. the annual reports of the Committees on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and

2. the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;
 - (c) to elect the office bearers;
 - (d) to elect committees;
 - (e) to appoint an auditor;
 - (f) to consider the fixture program for the season;
 - (g) to fix the annual subscription payable by the member Associations for the ensuing year;
4. The annual general meeting may also conduct any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules including general business.

9. Ordinary General Meeting

1. In addition to the annual general meeting at least two ordinary general meetings shall be held in each year.
2. The normal business shall be;
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting and of any special general meeting outstanding; and
 - (b) to receive reports of such meetings; and
 - (c) to transact any business of which notice has been given; and
 - (d) to finalise the fixture program; and
 - (e) any other general business.

10. Special General Meeting

1. The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting.
2. The Committee must convene a special general meeting if a request to do so is made in accordance with sub rule 3 by at 3 member Associations.
3. A request for a special general meeting must—
 - (a) be in writing; and
 - (b) state the business to be considered at the meeting and any resolutions to be proposed; and
 - (c) include the names and signatures of the members requesting the meeting; and
 - (d) be given to the Secretary.
4. If the Committee does not convene a special general meeting within one month after the date on which the request is made, the members making the request (or any of them) may convene the special general meeting.

